

Preschool to Early Elementary Age Reading

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Adventure

Jenkins, Emily. *Toy dance party: being the further adventures of a bossyboots Stingray, a courageous Buffalo, and a hopeful round someone called Plastic*. Six stories about three best friends who happen to be toys. Plush sea creature StingRay, Lumphy the stuffed buffalo, and Plastic, a ball, encounter a fearsome shark, enjoy a dance party, and face rejection as the Girl grows up. Sequel to Toys Go Out (RC 64692). 2008.
For grades K-3 2 hours, 14 minutes.
DB67947

Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Horse in the House*. One day Cocoa, Cowgirl Kate's horse, shows up inside the house, uninvited. Cowgirl Kate takes Cocoa on a tour, and Cocoa promises to return to the barn after having a snack. But once Cocoa discovers the refrigerator, he wants to live in the kitchen. Five short chapters. 2009.
For grades K-3. 10 minutes
DB69668

Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine*. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa have adventures working and playing in all kinds of weather and realize that enjoying being together is what really matters. 2008.
For grades K-3. 11 minutes.
DB67919

Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies*. This spring Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa have newborn animals to care for: calves, a puppy, and five baby barn owls. Four short chapters. 2010.
For grades K-3. 10 minutes
DB70856

Thomas, Rich ed. *Origin Story Series: The Amazing Spider-Man, The Courageous Captain America, The Incredible Hulk, The Invincible Iron Man, The Mighty Avengers, The Mighty Thor, The Uncanny X-Men.*

Series of seven books explains how Spider-Man, Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, and the Hulk became legendary superheroes. In *The Uncanny X-Men* Professor Xavier assembles a team of mutants called the X-Men to protect mankind from evil--even though humans are afraid of them. 2011.

For grades K-3 and older readers. 1 hours, 3 minutes.

DB74943

Animal Stories

Benedictus, David. *Return to Hundred Acre Wood: In Which Winnie-the-Pooh Enjoys Further Adventures with Christopher Robin and His Friends.*

This authorized sequel to *The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh* (RC 48132, BR 16417) contains ten new stories featuring the boy Christopher Robin and his faithful companions--Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Rabbit, Piglet, Kanga, and Roo. 2009.

For grades K-3. 2 hours, 49 minutes.

DB70689

Brown, Tina. *Groucho's Eyebrows.*

Alaskan adventure about a little girl named Kristie whose white cat is called Groucho because of the big black smudges above his eyes that look like bushy eyebrows. They play every day until one day Groucho wanders off in the snow, and Kristie must find him. 2003.

For preschool-grade 2. 10 minutes.

DB75154

Cox, Judy. *Puppy Power.*

Third grader Fran thinks she is funny but everyone else thinks she's a bully. She wins the part of princess in the class play on condition that she improve her behavior.

Taking her Newfoundland puppy Hercules to obedience class teaches Fran some lessons too. 2008.

For grades K-3. 1 hour, 9 minutes.

DB71187

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Fly.*

A young fly talks about her day-to-day life. She eats regurgitated food, studies leaping backward in flight school, copes with her 327 brothers and sisters, and dreams of being a superhero.

For grades K-3. 10 minutes

DB74657

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson Series*

Mercy Watson thinks like a pig.

After Mercy Watson, a hungry pig, eats all the pansies in Eugenia and Baby's garden, Eugenia calls Animal Control. Mercy goes to a tea party while the Animal Control officer tries to track her down. Beginning chapter book. 2008.

For grades K-3. 22 minutes.

DB70222

Something wonky this way comes.

At the drive-in movies with Mr. and Mrs. Watson, porcine wonder Mercy smells hot buttered popcorn, leaps out of the convertible to investigate, and becomes a pig on a mission. Soon the chase is on! 2009.

For grades K-3. 24 minutes.

DB69669

George, Jean Craighead. *Goose and Duck.*

A duckling thinks a goose is his mother. The goose thinks a boy is his mother. All three have fun together. Then one night the duck and the goose go away with a policeman...but the boy finds them. Easy reader. 2008.

For grades K-3. 8 minutes.

DB66771

Gorbachev, Valeri. *Christopher Counting.*

After Christopher Rabbit learns to count to ten in school, he loves the idea of counting so much that he counts everything everywhere. Finally at bedtime he sees something impossible to count, and his mother tucks him into bed with one kiss. 2008.

For preschool-grade 2. 6 minutes.

DB66919

McMullan, Kate. *Pearl and Wagner: Four eyes.*

After an eye test at school, Wagner gets glasses. He doesn't like wearing them, especially when mean kids call him Four Eyes. Luckily Pearl and other friends help Wagner adjust to his new look. 2009.

For grades K-3. 14 minutes.

DB72458

McMullan, Kate. *Pearl and Wagner: One funny day.*

Wagner the mouse does not enjoy April Fools' Day because everyone at school keeps tricking him, including his best friend Pearl. Then finally Wagner gets the last laugh.

Three short chapters. 2009.

For grades K-3. 12 minutes.

DB70238

Minarik, Else Holmelund. *Little Bear and Marco Polo*.

While helping clean the attic, Little Bear tries on his grandfather's sea-captain cap and jacket. And even more special, Grandfather takes Little Bear to visit Grandfather's ship, the Marco Polo. An I Can Read Book, Level 1. 2010.

For grades K-3. 8 minutes.

DB72883

Nelson, Marilyn. *Snook Alone*.

A monk named Abba Jacob and his loyal dog Snook are working on an island when a sudden storm separates them. Left alone, Snook observes the birds and turtles laying eggs while he waits patiently for his friend to reappear. 2010.

For grades K-3. 21 minutes.

DB74138

O'Connor, Sandra Day. *Finding Susie*.

One summer Sandra looks for a pet to keep her company on the ranch. She tries to adopt wild animals--a tortoise, a cottontail rabbit, a coyote, and a baby bobcat--but realizes they belong in the desert. Then one day in town, Sandra finds the right pet. 2009.

For grades K-3. 20 minutes.

DB70152

Poydar, Nancy. *Fish School*.

One summer Sandra looks for a pet to keep her company on the ranch. She tries to adopt wild animals--a tortoise, a cottontail rabbit, a coyote, and a baby bobcat--but realizes they belong in the desert. Then one day in town, Sandra finds the right pet. 2009.

For grades K-3. 9 minutes

DB70260

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter and Tabby Run the Race*.

Mr. Putter signs up for a marathon when Mrs. Teaberry tells him that one of the prizes is a train set. At the race, he falls behind the other runners until he receives unexpected help from Mrs. Teaberry's dog Zeke. Five short chapters. 2008.

For grades K-3. 10 minutes.

DB67153

Rylant, Cynthia. *Mr. Putter and Tabby Spill the Beans*.

A class on how to cook beans one hundred different ways doesn't quite work out as planned. As Mr. Putter suspected, Zeke--Mrs. Teaberry's dog--has trouble staying quietly under a classroom table that's loaded with beans. Seven short chapters. 2009.

For grades K-3. 10 minutes.

DB70259

Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth*.

Amanda enjoys wiggling her first loose tooth, but she does not want to pull it out because it might hurt. The tooth finally comes out without Amanda noticing it and is lost. What can Amanda do about the Tooth Fairy? Four easy chapters. 2008.

For grades K-3. 13 minutes.

DB67145

Folktales

Martinez, Rueben and David Unger. *Once Upon a Time: Traditional Latin American Tales*.

Seven classic folk tales for children from Spain and the Americas. Includes "The Tlacuache and the Coyote," "Martina the Cockroach and Pérez the Mouse," "The Flower of Lirolay," and "Pedro Urdemales and the Giant." Bilingual book in English and Spanish. 2010.

For grades K-3. 1 hour, 56 minutes

DB71639

Funny Stories

Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia*.

When Amelia Bedelia shows up for her first day of work as a housekeeper, her new employer, Mrs. Rogers, gives her a list of things to do and drives away. Amelia is puzzled by the instructions but follows them anyway. She dresses the chicken in a little outfit, dusts the furniture with dusting powder, and cuts up the towels to change them.

For grades K-3. 8 minutes

DB40183

Parish, Peggy. *Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia*.

Amelia Bedelia is a housekeeper who takes everything she is told literally. One day when the neighborhood baseball team needs a replacement player for a game, Amelia volunteers. But when they tell her to steal bases, tag players, and run home, she gets confused.

For grades K-3. 9 minutes

DB40197

Park, Barbara. *Junie B. First Grader, Cheater Pants*.

Copying a classmate's homework one day gets Junie B. in trouble with her teacher, who explains about cheating. The next day Junie B.'s friend Herbert helps her on a spelling test--sharing answers isn't cheating, is it? 2003.

For grades K-3. 1 hour, 12 minutes.

DB56509

Pinkwater, Daniel. *Mrs. Noodlekugel*.

Nick and Maxine discover a cute little house behind their drab high-rise apartment building. Once they sneak over to visit, they meet a talking cat called Mr. Fuzzface, an eccentric old lady named Mrs. Noodlekugel, and four far-sighted, funny mice.

For grades K-3. 26 minutes

DB74812

Historical Stories

Galbraith, Kathryn Osebold. *Arbor Day Square*.

Katie and her papa encourage people to plant trees on the square of their new prairie town. It becomes a yearly celebration, one that a grown-up Katie and her daughter join in. Includes historical note about the 1872 beginning of Arbor Day in Nebraska. 2010.

For grades K-3. 11 minutes.

DB71660

McKissack, Pat. *The All-I'll-Ever-Want Christmas Doll*.

In a house where there is little money, the youngest sister Nella wants a Baby Betty doll. On Christmas Day, their father presents the longed-for doll to his three daughters. Nella fights for sole possession but soon realizes that sharing the doll is more fun.

2007.

For grades K-3. 20 minutes.

DB67038

Mysteries

Butler, Dori Hillestan. *The Case of the Lost Boy*.

A mother and her nine-year-old son Connor go to the pound and adopt Buddy, a golden retriever. When Connor disappears, Buddy uses his keen sense of smell and powers of deduction to help the mother find her lost boy. Edgar Award. 2010.

For grades K-3. 1 hour, 15 minutes.

DB74463

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. *Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club*.

Boy detective Nate the Great and his dog Sludge join Rosamond's book club to find out who has been stealing pages from the books. A school librarian gives them some clues. A beginning chapter book. 2009.

For grades K-3. 24 minutes.

DB71041

Poetry

Hoberman, Mary Ann. *A House is a House for Me*.

Things can be homes for many other things if you think about it. This early poem by the 2008 U.S. Children's Poet Laureate talks about the many homes around us, from barns for animals and barrels for pickles to books for stories. National Book Award. 1978.

For grades K-3.

DB71199

Hopkins, Lee. *Hamsters, Shells, and Spelling Bees*.

Twenty poets celebrate teachers and elementary school from backpacks to lunch bags, from school-bus drivers to measles, and from art class to maps. In "Hamster Math" a student caring for two classroom hamsters during summer vacation learns about multiplication. 2008.

For grades K-3. 14 minutes.

DB68535

Realistic Stories about Kids of all Kinds

Bemelmans, Ludwig. *Madeline*.

A story in rhyme about a little girl in a Paris boarding school who manages to have a lively time in spite of appendicitis.

For grades K-3. 4 minutes.

DB44292

Blume, Judy. *The Pain and the Great One Series*

Cool Zone with the Pain and the Great One.

First grader Jake "the Pain" and his older sister Abigail "the Great One," who is in third grade, never agree on anything, but at school they watch out for each other. They share adventures having to do with a lost tooth, bullies, pets, and more.

For grades K-3. 1 hour, 14 minutes.

DB70261

Going, Going, Gone! With the Pain and the Great One.

The seven adventures of first-grader Jake "the Pain" and his third-grade sister Abigail "the Great One." The siblings are on the move as they experience a family beach vacation, visit a county fair, stay at their grandpa's, and make a trip to the emergency room.

For grades K-3. 1 hour, 19 minutes.

DB68277

Friend or Fiend? With the Pain and the Great One.

First-grader Jake "the Pain" and his sister, third-grader Abigail "the Great One," have more adventures, including visiting their cousins in New York and celebrating their cat Fluzzy's birthday. Sequel to *Going, Going, Gone!* (DB68277).

For grades K-3. 1 hour, 16 minutes.

DB69295

Denise, Anika. *Bella and Stella Come Home.*

Young Bella tries to reassure her stuffed elephant Stella after they move to a new--and very different--home.

For preschool-grade 2. 7 minutes.

DB74891

Greene, Stephanie. *Princess Posey Series*

Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade.

Posey feels like a princess when she wears her pink tutu. She worries about starting first grade without it. To help her relax, Posey's new teacher Miss Lee invites the students to parade to the classroom in their favorite clothes on the first day of school.

For preschool-grade 2. 26 minutes.

DB72754

Princess Posey and the Perfect Present.

For first-grader Posey, every school day is great--until her teacher's birthday. Before Posey can give Miss Lee a small bouquet of roses, her friend Nikki brings Miss Lee a big bunch of flowers. How will Posey show Miss Lee she likes her?

For preschool-grade 2. 28 minutes.

DB73434

Hannigan, Katherine. *Emmaline and the Bunny.*

Emmaline's family lives in Neatasapin, a tidy town where Emmaline is the only child to hop, jump in puddles, and dig in dirt. Emmaline wants a bunny to play with her and sets out to find one.

For grades K-3. 51 minutes.

DB69440

Harper, Jessica. *Uh-Oh Cleo.*

Eight-year-old Cleo's ordinary day becomes "Stitches Saturday" when she receives a cut on her head. Her parents reassure her on the trip to the hospital, and Cleo proudly returns home as the first of six siblings to have stitches.

For grades K-3. 28 minutes.

DB68455

Hurwitz, Johanna. *Mighty Monty*.

A quiet first grader, Monty carries an inhaler to deal with his asthma, but he also begins trying new things. He has a part in his class environmental play, he goes to Joey's birthday party, and he takes karate classes. Sequel to Mostly Monty (RC 65525).

For grades K-3. 56 minutes.

DB68516

Knudsen, Michelle. *Bugged!*

Riley likes playing outdoors with Steve and Lara, but he does not like getting mosquito bites. After researching the problem he finds a solution when he takes off his sneakers! Includes facts about mosquitoes and two activities.

For grades K-3. 19 minutes.

DB68325

Lyon, George Ella. *The Pirate of Kindergarten*.

Ginny's eyes play tricks on her, making her see everything double. After vision-screening day at school, she goes to a doctor who recommends eye exercises and a patch that turns her into a kindergarten pirate. Schneider Family Book Award.

For preschool-grade 2. 7 minutes.

DB72631

Schertle, Alice. *Look Out, Jeremy Bean!*

Three stories about Jeremy's problems and his unique solutions. First, Jeremy needs a collection to take to school--tomorrow. Second, Jeremy's plan to trap a dust bunny becomes a nightmare. And third, Jeremy forgets to wear green on St. Patrick's Day.

Beginning chapter book.

For grades K-3. 29 minutes.

DB70064

Science

Allen, Kathy. *Why do Geese Fly South in the Winter? A Book about Migration*.

Briefly explains why and how some animals travel to different locations at various times of the year. 2007.

For grades K-3. 9 minutes.

DB68784

Bueche, Shelly & Chris Puls. *Dog Scouts of America*.

Explains the goals of Dog Scouts of America, an organization founded in 1995 to help owners teach their canine pets good behavior. Describes the badges Dog Scouts can earn, and the ways dog-and-owner teams play and work together to help their communities. 2008.

For grades K-3. 22 minutes.

DB68528

Gibbons, Gail. *Elephants of Africa*.

Facts about African elephants' behavior, habits, and traits--from their trunks, tusks, skin, ears, eyes, and teeth to babies, families, food, and enemies. 2008.

For grades K-3. 14 minutes.

DB69441

McCarthy, Meghan. *Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum*.

Describes the efforts of Walter Diemer, a young accountant who worked at a candy and gum factory in 1920s Philadelphia, to discover a recipe for gum that could stretch to blow bubbles. Includes additional facts about gum. 2010.

For grades K-3. 18 minutes.

DB71676

Ray, Mary Lyn. *Stars*.

Explores the wonder of stars both near and far, whether they are in the nighttime sky, on a wand making wishes come true, or in your pocket for those days when you don't feel shiny. 2011.

For preschool-grade 2.

DB74511

Sloan, Christopher. *Bizarre Dinosaurs: Some very strange creatures and why we think they got that way*.

Discusses the unusual features--giant beak, musical head, or wide muzzle--of eleven different dinosaurs and provides scientists' interpretations of the uses of these characteristics. Covers the 2006 discovery of a spiky skull that looked so nasty it was named *Dracorex hogwartsia*, meaning dragon king of Hogwarts. 2008.

For grades K-3. 34 minutes.

DB70067

Thomson, Sarah L. *Where do Polar Bears Live?*

Explains how physical traits, such as furry paws and thick skin, help polar bears survive in the Arctic snow and ice. Discusses their hunting and eating habits, as well as the bad things that will happen to them if the polar ice cap keeps shrinking. 2010.

For grades K-3. 11 minutes.

DB71523

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